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Subject: RE: Additional Sampling at Third Site

David:

In general, we don't have objections to additional data collection at the site.

Thank you,

Matt

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Matt,

Sorry for the delay in the response - been tied up the last few days. We do not have a separate access agreement with the property owners, although we be happy to obtain one.

As to the points Norm raised in his response to the e-mail you wrote to me, Section 4.2 of our contract with the Trust states that Mc2 has the sole discretion to decide the means by how the work is done. Contrary to Norm's assertion that this is not part of our work, this upcoming sampling was originally recommended by Mc2 to the Trust to determine the source of the contamination that is re-contaminating well P-1. The results of the sampling will guide our next steps at the site. Furthermore, the correct order of data collection is to collect groundwater samples throughout the entire vertical interval of interest, including below bottom depth of the

extraction and monitoring wells, and let the groundwater data guide soil sample collection. Typically, the elevated concentration groundwater plume is a more spatially widespread indication of source material, while soil contaminated with DNAPL occupies a much smaller physical volume; thus it makes sense to sample for groundwater first, and use these data to zero in on the soil contamination. We disagree with Norm's assertion that there are no data gaps in the Trust's sampling plan.

Our company is willing to make the effort to collect this additional site data in the proper manner, in order to advance the understanding of site conditions. We believe a true understanding of site conditions will benefit all parties involved and move this site towards remediation and closure. While I can understand the Trust and their consultants having a disagreement over the technical approach to this sampling, I find it baffling that they chose to stand in the way of Mc2 collecting additional data.

Cheers,

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On 2020-04-16 4:36 p.m., Ohl, Matthew wrote:

David:

Do you have an access agreement with the property owners for the sampling?

Thank you,

Matt

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Matt,

Our contract with the Trust allows us to collect data from the site at our convenience, as long as we're willing to pay for the sampling on our own account. As you review the Trust's and our proposed sampling plans, could you clarify if the EPA would have any objections to McMillan-McGee obtaining our own data as outlined in our sampling plan to remedy the data gap deficiencies in the Trust's sampling plan?

Thanks & have a good weekend!

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